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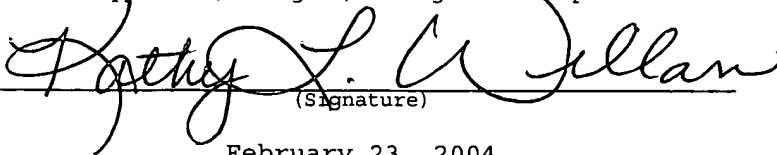
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Frank Molock et al  
Serial No.: 10/675,070 Group No.:  
Filed: September 30, 2003 Examiner:  
For: METHODS OF PREPARING OPHTHALMIC DEVICES

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DECLARATION UNDER §1.47(a) AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREOF

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to accept a Declaration for the above-identified patent application having a missing signature of an inventor who cannot be reached. Petitioners have made a diligent effort to obtain Ms. Azizeh Elias' signature.

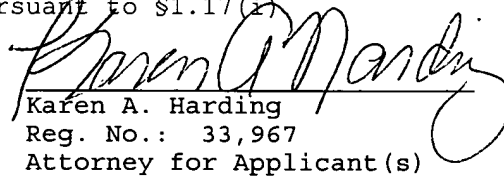
On February 2, 2004, our Human Resources Department was contacted by my assistant, Kathy Willan, to determine the last known contact information for Ms. Elias, when we discovered our contact information was incorrect. The information we received from Human Resources was identical to the contact information we already had in our files. Both the last known address and the last known telephone number were incorrect.

Over the last two weeks, Kathy Willan has contacted several current employees who worked with Ms. Elias, to try to obtain the

correct contact information. Several of them had an email address for Ms. Elias, and wrote to her by email, with no reply. On February 11, 2004, Kathy Willan sent an email to the email address she was given, but to date there has been no reply. One employee told Kathy Willan that Azizeh Elias had moved out of the state of Florida but did not know where.

Based on the above attempts to obtain Azizeh Elias' signature, we respectfully request acceptance by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the Declaration listing Azizeh Elias as a non-signing inventor.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Johnson & Johnson Deposit Account No. 10-0750/VTN05013/KAH any fees which may be required for submission of this Petition pursuant to \$1.17(i)

  
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